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AMEMBASSY BANGKOK

AMEMBASSY SAIGON

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BANGKOK AND SAIGON FOR VOA CORRESPONDENTS

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CAMBODIAN SITUATIONER

1. THE LEVEL OF COMBAT ACTIVITY ACROSS THE KHMER REPUBLIC DECLINED OVER THE WEEKEND WITH THE COMMUNISTS TAKING FEW INITIATIVES AND LIMITING THEMSELVES TO SCATTERED AND LARGELY MINOR ATTACKS BY FIRE AT VARIOUS PROVINCIAL CAPITALS.

2. AT KOMPONG CHAM, GOVERNMENT FORCES CONTINUE TO MAINTAIN THEIR DEFENSIVE PERIMETERS INTACT. AT 5 O'CLOCK SUNDAY MORNING, THE COMMUNISTS LAUNCHED A GROUND ATTACK AGAINST THE GOVERNMENT-DEFENDED UNIVERSITY COMPLEX. FANK FORCES ARE REPORTED HOLDING FIRM AND AS OF NOON SUNDAY THERE WAS NO PENETRATION OF GOVERNMENT LINES. THE KHMER AIR FORCE CONTINUES TO SUPPLY FOOD AND AMMUNITION TO FANK FORCES BY AIR-DROP.

3. ROUTE 4 AND 5 REMAIN CUT WITH ROAD CONVOY ACTIVITY TEMPORARILY SUSPENDED.

4. FANK HEADQUARTERS REPORTS THAT ON FRIDAY TWO FANK BRIGADES MOVING SOUTHEASTWARD FROM THE PROVINCIAL CENTER OF KOMPONG THOM, ABOUT 80 MILES NORTH OF PHNOM PENH, ENGAGED COMMUNIST UNITS,
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KILLING TWO. THE COMMUNISTS FLED EASTWARD CARRYING TWELVE

WOUNDED WITH THEM.

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